

**Department of Planning and Budget
2012 Fiscal Impact Statement**

1. Bill Number: HB 74

House of Origin Introduced Substitute Engrossed
Second House In Committee Substitute Enrolled

2. Patron: Child abuse or neglect; reduces mandatory time limit for reporting

3. Committee: Passed Both Houses

4. Title: Bell, Richard P.

5. Summary: The enrolled bill reduces the time limit for reporting suspected child abuse or neglect by mandated reporters from 72 hours of first suspicion to as soon as possible, but not longer than 24 hours after having reason to suspect a reportable offense.

In addition, the bill provides that if the initial report of suspected abuse or neglect is made to the person in charge of the institution or department, or his designee, such person must provide the initial reporter with the following information: 1) when the report of suspected child abuse or neglect was made to the local department of social services or to the toll-free hotline; 2) the name of the individual receiving the report, and 3) any communication resulting from the report, including any information about any actions taken regarding the report.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No

7. No Fiscal Impact

8. Fiscal Implications: None

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: None

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No

11. Other Comments: None

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